

Wayne County

Courthouse Presentation

Infrastructure & General Government
Appropriations Subcommittee

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Quick Facts

- Built in 1930's
- Remodeled in 1987
- Home to
 - 6th District Court
 - USU Extension
 - Workforce Services
 - 15 county government services entities
- Near the end of its life cycle

Report Card

The county hired Arch Nexus in 2019 to do a preliminary assessment.

AREA OF REVIEW	GRADE
OVERALL STRUCTURAL CODE COMPLIANCE	F
COURTS SECURITY COMPLIANCE	D-
STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS	D-
MECHANICAL SYSTEMS	D-
OVERALL ADA CODE COMPLIANCE	D-
ADMINISTRATIVE SPACE SECURITY COMPLIANCE	F
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	C-

Findings

- Wayne County will eventually arrive at a point where they are incapable of continuing to service the residents of the county. This point may be reached in multiple different ways:
- Natural Impact: A significant event (i.e. earthquake) would immediately damage and potentially destroy the Wayne County Courthouse. Essential services would be disrupted or even destroyed. At that point Wayne County would have to both address the impact to the overall community infrastructure and address how they might be able to provide ongoing county services – especially essential services.
- Human Impact: An unforeseen event (assault, ADA lawsuit, etc.) that may have been avoided could result in significant legal (and potentially financial) claims against the county. The cost in money and manpower to resolve these issues is beyond the capacity of the county to currently assess, but could well outweigh any costs for remedial action.
- Operations Impact: Over time, as the county continues to mature, the demands for space and services will outstrip the ability of the county to address them. The county will have simply “run out of room”. The county will then be forced to look at either providing additional space to meet program needs, or outsourcing programs and services to another county or the private sector. Under any of the above listed scenarios, the cost to Wayne County to maintain the status quo may be minimal now, but could be incalculable at a future date. Accepting this option relies on an extremely optimistic view of the future.
- Security Impact: Collectively, courthouse security deficiencies place ALL building occupants at risk, and compound the effort and vigilance required each day by Sheriff’s Department staff to maintain a secure environment.

Request

\$250,000

For professional services for programming, planning, and design options, financial scoping of facility design options, document production, presentation materials, focus groups, public outreach, travel expenses.

